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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Inventor(s):

Gerard W. Ernst, et al.

TITLE

APPARATUS AND METHOD  
FOR CLEANING OBJECTS  
HAVING GENERALLY  
IRREGULAR SURFACE  
FEATURES

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REMARKS**

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application prior to examination,  
without prejudice, as set forth below:

**In The Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 5 with  
the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This is a divisional of Application Serial Number 09/624,627  
filed July 24, 2000. The present application is related to U.S. Application  
Serial Number 09/624,628, filed July 24, 2000 (now abandoned), by Thomas  
Albano, et al., and entitled, "Apparatus For Neutralizing Electrostatic Charges  
On Generally Irregular, Undulating Surfaces;" and U.S. Application Serial  
Number 09/624,878, filed July 24, 2000, by Gerard W. Ernst, et al., and  
entitled, "Apparatus And Method For Cleaning Objects Having Generally  
Irregular, Undulating Surface Features." --

**In The Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-8.